



**The  
Power  
of Kindness**



June 22 & 23, 2024

**We're glad you're joining us today!**

If you're looking for a church home, we'd love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Please fill out a yellow connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate.

Christian Education is available for all ages.

You're invited to visit our Welcome Table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries our church offers.

We hope you'll join us again.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Fred & Marily Wesley (Sat) Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sun)

Acolyte: Anna J. (Sun) | Liturgists: Bob Berkey (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/I Will Enter His Gates” Arr. M. Kellner (Sat)

Piano: Nancy Evans

“The Gift of Love”

By Hal Hopson (Sun)

Praise Band Duet: John Bunney & Barb Roberts

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CENTERING MEDITATION

He has told you, O Mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

We are all one family, made in the image of God.

**We are all one family, all over the world.**

We are all one family, each unique, each special.

**We are all one family, brothers and sisters on one journey of faith.**

We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.

**We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu”

#432

Vs. 1-3

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Bob (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

Lord, cast out our sin and cleanse our minds of wrongful thoughts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us in our failures. Then, fill our lives with your love. Help us to be moved by a sense of purpose as we serve to make the earth a better place in which to live, a world where nature and humanity can live in harmony. We pray that in this summer season, your Holy Spirit will dwell in our hearts and fill our lives with love. Before you, O God, our lives are exposed and all our needs are known. Be at work in our lives to shape and mold us into your likeness. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

"Where Children Belong"

#2233 (Sun)

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS****CALL TO PRAYER**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#2158

*I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,  
let me walk close to thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea, daily walking  
close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CALL TO OFFERING****GIFT OF MUSIC**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

By Paul Baloche (Sat)

Piano: Nancy Evans

"Lean on Me"

By Bill Withers (Sun)

Praise Band Duet: John Bunney &amp; Barb Roberts

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Bob (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

**All-knowing God, you look not only upon our deeds but also upon our hearts. It is in a spirit  
of reconciliation with one another that we bring our offering this day, remembering this to  
be your command. By the power of your Holy Spirit, use these gifts to serve those in need.**

**Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

“Put a Little Love in Your Heart” By Jackie DeShannon (Sun)  
Praise Band Duet: John Bunney & Barb Roberts

**WORD OF GOD**

Luke 6:27-38  
Pg.64

Bob (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“The Power of Kindness”

Cathy Berkey  
Certified Lay Speaker

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

#431

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“I Can See Clearly Now”

By Johnny Nash  
Praise Band Duet

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world!**



# Shavertown United Methodist Church Announcements

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm  
Weekly Worship Services Saturdays 5:30pm & Sundays 9:30am  
Activity Bags for young children are available in the back of the church.  
Nursery is available during the 9:30am worship.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Asking members of the Trustees and all able-bodied individuals on Sunday to help move the risers downstairs. They must be moved to take the bell tables down for Vacation Bible School. Thank you!

**2 TASTY FUNDRAISERS:** Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale Saturday, June 29, 9-11am or until sold out. Cost is \$12 per dozen of original glazed or \$12 a half dozen of filled doughnuts. Get yours early before they're gone! Also for the next 2-3 weeks, coupons can be purchased for \$9 for J & J Hoagies from Mary Ellen Pajor on Saturday or Kim Donlin on Sunday before or after worship. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a dessert after dinner.

**SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP:** We hope you are getting excited for our trip to see "Daniel" on July 3<sup>rd</sup>! There is a list of people in the narthex of people who we need contact information for. All parents of youth going on the trip need to fill out a permission form available in the narthex. We will meet at the church at 7:00am. Please park in the pavilion parking lot; if walking is an issue, please park along the sides of the church parking lot to allow the buses to pull in easily.

**STUDY/MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Join Pastor Jon and other UM's on a South-Central Mexico study mission trip October 4-13, 2024, with "Give Ye Them To Eat" – a rural development mission of the UMC of Mexico. More information to follow or contact Pastor Jon Buxton at [jbuxton@susumc.org](mailto:jbuxton@susumc.org) or check out [www.gytte.org](http://www.gytte.org).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** "Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God" VBS is Mon., July 15<sup>th</sup> through Thurs., July 18<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is 5:15pm, Program is 6-8pm. All children just finishing preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade can register on the church website. Our VBS includes cool music, unique science experiments, creative crafts, fun games, and exciting Bible stories!

**VBS ITEMS NEEDED:** We are in need of a few items for VBS such as large pieces of cardboard, brown packing paper and a small 1-2 person tent. You can drop off these items at any time in the Sunday School hall.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** Many adult and youth volunteers are needed for VBS on July 15 – 18. We hope you will consider helping to make this important community outreach a great success. If you can't do all 4 days, that is okay, just indicate how many days you could help. There is a sign up in the Narthex or you can register as a volunteer on the church website.

**PRAISE IN THE PARK:** Trucksville UMC will offer a gathering at Francis Slocum State Park near Pavilion 3 and the boat launch on the following Saturdays: July 6 @ 9am, July 20 @ 1pm, Aug.3 @9am and Aug 17 @1pm. The focus will center of each piece of “the armor” and its significance in the battle against evil. For more information email [office@trucksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@trucksvilleumc.com).

### **RESPONDING TO GENERAL CONFERENCE CHANGES:**

The recently postponed 2020 General Conference was indeed historic and there is a lot of information to unpack. One of the decisions regarding same sex marriages impacts local churches. The Trustees of each church have been charged with determining policy as to whether same gender marriages can take place in their buildings. To help our congregation understand some of the changes made at General conference and to gather input for the Trustees, the Church Council has proposed the following plan:

1. Post General Conference Webinar Information Sessions (**June 22 @ 4:00pm & June 23 @ 10:30am**)
2. Post General Conference Q & A Sessions (**June 25 @ 7:00pm, June 29 @ 4:00pm & June 30 @ 10:30am, July 7 @ 10:30am**)
3. A mailed survey sent out to gather input from congregation. (**July 14** collection deadline)
4. Trustees receive congregational input and develop a Building Use Policy for the **Aug. 6** Church Council meeting.

We hope you will be able to attend at least one of the Post General Conference Information Sessions and/or Q & A Sessions in order to make an informed decision as you participate in the congregational survey. Your participation and input will be extremely helpful as our church leadership creates an updated Building Use Policy. Thank You.

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS JUNE 23-JULY 6

June 23: General Conference Wrap-Up Webinar Social Hall Following Worship

June 24: PEO Meeting 7pm

June 25: Post General Conference Information Session Social Hall 7pm

June 29: Krispy Crème Doughnut Sale 9-11am

J & J Hoagie Sale

Post General Conference Information Session Social Hall 4pm

June 30: Post General Conference information Session Social Hall 10:30am

July 1: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm

Office Open 8:30am-3pm

July 3: Sight and Sound Trip-Office Closed

July 4: Fourth of July – Office Closed

## SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays	8am	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace
	10am	Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown
Wednesdays	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7pm	AA Meeting, Social Hall
Thursdays	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
Fridays	10am	Community Care Cabinet
Saturdays	5:30pm	Worship at the Pavilion

### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR JUNE 29-30

**Greeters & Ushers:** TBD (Sat) Lori Kucewicz & Diane Shaulis (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Cindy Biesecker (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun) **Acolyte:** Olivia O.

**June Altar Guild:** Marilyn & Fred Wesley

**Trustee Week of June 23:** Bob Wagner **Trustee Week of June 30:** Bev Atherholt

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of June 15-16: \$4,654

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** June 15-16: In Person Worship 97 Online Worship 35

# WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery, in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the email prayer chain by contacting the church office at [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).

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**OUR JOYS:** Marriage of Josiah Buxton & Sarah Vacca. Priscilla Circle Picnic raised \$400 for VBS.

**ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR:** The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, Victims in Israel & Gaza, Victims of the shootings & violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer and Covid 19 victims, families dealing with Alzheimer's

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Our homebound friends, Jim Petrie, Mary & Ron Demko, Alex, Phil, Jim Laubach, Sean Bowers, Brook, Jim T., Nancy Lutz, Alex, Frank Shaulis, Liam, Claudia, Gail, Carol, Tyler, Sharon Buxton, Barbara, Joe, Marianne Wolf, Michael Evans

*Names remain on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!*

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Maj. Shannon Dzuray Dawson, USAF  
Sgt. Amy Polachek, USM, Quantico, VA  
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy  
Rick Hodle Jr., US Navy  
Sgt. Scott Kocher  
Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force  
LT. Col. Stephen C. Phillips  
Specialist Charles Yavorski, Ft. Bragg, NC  
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea  
1st LT. Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT  
LT. Joey Zobel, U.S.N., Washington, DC.

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves  
Maj. Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA  
Captain Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force  
1st LT. Allen Carson, 109th US Army  
Reserves, Phila.  
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Maryland  
Rick Hodle III, US Army  
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan  
CPL Michael Biesecker, USMC Reserves  
Daniel Cochran, US Navy, S.C.

**Think of this Friend** (with cards and prayers)  
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